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February 28, 1902

*Report of immigrants inspected at the subports of Porto Rico during the month of January, 1902.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 3, at Mayaguez; number passed, 3, at Mayaguez.

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Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Report from Ponce—Weekly and monthly.*

PONCE, P. R., February 3, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended February 1, 1902. Also the report of the inspection of immigrants at this port for the month of January, 1902.

During the week, 2 vessels were inspected and passed and 1 held in quarantine to detain transit passengers, viz, French steamship *Alexandre Bixio* which arrived on the 31st ultimo, from Colon, Port au Prince, Jeremie, Gonoaives, and Cape Haitien. No passengers nor cargo for Ponce. The steamer left the same day after loading coffee under quarantine guard. Seven bills of health were issued to outgoing vessels. The sanitary condition of the city remains about the same; no quarantinable disease has been reported to this office.

Respectfully, W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Summary of transactions of service during the month of January, 1901.*

PONCE, P. R., February 1, 1902.

Total number of vessels inspected during January, 1902.....	18
Total number of vessels inspected during January, 1901.....	21
Total number of bills of health issued during January, 1902 .....	30
Total number of bills of health issued during January, 1901 .....	28
Number of passengers inspected during January, 1902 (incoming).....	85
Number of passengers inspected during January, 1902 (in transit) .....	279
Number of crew inspected during January, 1902 .....	820
Number of vessels in quarantine during January, 1902 .....	6
Number of immigrants inspected during January, 1902.....	26
Rejections.....	0
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during January, 1902.....	44
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed during January, 1902 .....	60
Number of sacks of mail disinfected during January, 1902 ... .....	2

PONCE, P. R., February 10, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended February 8, 1902; also the summary of transactions of this station, and mortality report of the city for the month of January, 1902. Four vessels were inspected and passed, and 8 bills of health issued during the week. The death rate shows a continued decrease, being lower now than for years. This is the more remarkable, considering the very unsanitary condition of the city and the bad hygienic conditions under which a vast majority of the inhabi-

tants live. The deaths from intestinal diseases, anaemia, malnutrition, etc., are entirely out of proportion. One death from diphtheria is reported.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

[Inclosure.]

*Number and causes of deaths in Ponce jurisdiction (city, playa, and surrounding country) during the month of January, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., February 1, 1902.

Diseases of—			
Digestive system .....	16	Diphtheria .....	1
Respiratory system.....	8	Old age .....	1
Circulatory system .....	4	Metritis.....	2
Nervous system.....	7	Alcoholism.....	1
Anæmia, malnutrition, inanition.....	20	Rachitis.....	2
Malaria .....	8	Unknown causes.....	1
Nephritis.....	1	Septicaemia .....	1
Tuberculosis.....	1		
Cancer.....	1	Total.....	84

Number of deaths reported during January, 1902 (a).....	84
Number of deaths reported during January, 1901 (a).....	176
Number of births reported during January, 1902 (a).....	171
Number of births reported during January, 1901 (a).....	87

*a*These figures are for the city proper, the playa, and surrounding district of Ponce, P. R.

*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 18, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., January 20, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 18, 1902. January 17, French steamship *St. Domingue*, from Port au Prince and Santo Domingo, with 3 immigrants; Spanish steamship *Cataluña*, from Havana, Port Limon, Sabanilla, Colon, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, with 7 immigrants. January 18, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana and Santo Domingo, with 10 immigrants. Total, 20.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce for the week ended January 25, 1902.*

PONCE, P. R., January 27, 1902.

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended January 25, 1902. January 22, American steamship *Zulia*, from Maracaibo, Curaçao, with 2 immigrants.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

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